LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9-17 and 20 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 6 and 9 are herein amended.

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus having an image sensor for sensing a subject image formed on an image sensing plane and outputting ~~an image~~ a video signal corresponding to the subject image, comprising:

a display unit adapted to display the subject image and a frame which ~~shows~~ surrounds a photometric zone superimposed on the subject image;

a zone ~~selecting~~ changing unit used for changing ~~at least either the~~ position ~~or~~ and size of the frame displayed on said display unit for designating a part of the subject image whose video signal is subjected to photometry;

an exposure detection unit adapted to detect an exposure condition corresponding to that of ~~an image~~ a video signal in ~~said~~ the frame of the photometric zone ~~selected~~ changed by said zone ~~selecting~~ changing unit;

an exposure control unit adapted to determine control parameters corresponding to the detected exposure condition and control exposure in accordance with the control parameters;

memory adapted to store the control parameters outputted by said exposure control unit when ~~an~~ exposure control processing concerning the part of the subject image in the photometric zone by said exposure control unit is completed and an optimum exposure control state for the ~~selected~~ image in the frame of the photometric zone is obtained; and

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a control unit adapted to control said exposure control unit to maintain an exposure control state corresponding to the control parameters stored in said memory regardless of a change of a magnification of zooming means in the state that the control parameters corresponding to the optimum exposure control state is stored in said memory.

2.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if the control parameters are outside a prescribed range, said memory selects an upper-limit or a lower-limit of the prescribed range of control parameters as the control parameters.

3.   (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a selected-zone photometric zone detection unit adapted to determine whether the image video signal captured by said image sensor contains said photometric zone upon elapse of a prescribed period of time, and outputting a signal for resetting control parameters in said memory if the captured image video signal is not contained in said photometric zone.

4.   (Canceled.)

5.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a selecting unit adapted to allow a photographer to select whether maintenance of exposure by said memory is to be reset or not.

6.   (Currently Amended) The image sensing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

second memory adapted to store a video signal of said photometric zone; and

a detector adapted to determine whether a zoomed image video signal captured by said image sensor contains the video signal of said photometric zone stored in said second memory, and output a signal for resetting the control parameters in said memory if the captured image

video signal is not contained in said photometric zone.

7.   (Canceled.)

8.   (Canceled.)

9.   (Currently Amended) An image sensing apparatus having a display unit for displaying ~~an image~~ a video signal sensed by an image sensor, comprising:

a superimposing unit adapted to superimposing a frame which shows a photometric zone on the subject image displayed on the display unit;

a pointing device used for changing ~~at least either the~~ position ~~or~~ and size of the frame surrounding the photometric zone displayed on said display unit for designating a part of the subject image whose video signal is subjected to photometry;

an adjusting unit adapted to apply a prescribed adjustment to ~~an image~~ a video signal ~~of~~ ~~said~~ corresponding to the photometric zone ~~selected~~ changed by said pointing device;

memory used to store adjusting data outputted by said adjusting unit; and

a control unit adapted to store the adjusting data in said memory when adjustment by said adjusting unit is completed and a prescribed state is obtained, and control said adjusting unit to maintain the prescribed state corresponding to the adjusting data stored in said memory regardless of a change of a magnification of zooming means.

10.   (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said pointing device is a line-of-sight detecting device for detecting position of a photographer's line of sight directed toward the screen.

11.   (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said pointing device is a

mouse.

12.   (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said pointing device is a track ball.

13.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said adjusting unit adjusts exposure of the image sensing device by adjusting f-stop, a shutter and gain.

14.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein when adjustment by said adjusting unit has attained a prescribed state, said control unit has attained a prescribed state, said control unit maintains the state of adjustment prevailing at this time.

15.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising selecting unit adapted to allow a photographer to select whether storage of the adjusting data by said control unit is performed or not.

16.   (Original) The apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said screen is a monitor screen of an electronic viewfinder.

17.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein operation of the exposure control unit is initiated in response to an exposure detection key.

18.   (Canceled.)

19.   (Canceled.)

20.   (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein operation of the control unit is initiated in response to an exposure detection key.